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Alberta Fairs Association Justice Maybee on Railway Commission

Calgary, March 21.—The Alberta Fairs Association concluded a very successful two days' convention yesterday afternoon. All the sittings had been well attended and the interest was well maintained to the end. A glance round the delegates assembled at the various meetings revealed a number of practical farmers, the backbone of the west, men deeply in earnest with the work they had in hand.

Yesterday's sittings were devoted to business and routine work principally, a number of resolutions being submitted by the resolution committee. At the afternoon session H. A. Craig, of Edmonton delivered an address in place of Mr. Geddes, of Calgary who had been unavoidably absent, on "Judging competitions." A vote of thanks was accorded to the Hon. W. T. Finlay for his presence and valuable assistance and also to the retiring officers.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President—James Rae, Medicine Hat.

Vice-President—E. A. Wallace, High River. Secretary-treasurer—E. J. Fream, Inverness. Executive committee—S. M. Woolf, Cardston, W. Crow, Lacombe, C. Bone, Fort Saskatchewan, J. J. Stanton, Vegreville, S. T. Armstrong, Nanton, J. W. H. Fairfield, Lethbridge.

SITUATION AT HAYTI.

Port au Prince, March 21.—The city is tranquil, but the natives are still greatly excited, and the situation remains tense. The German cruiser Bremen will sail to-day to take on board the refugees in thosonates at Port du Paix and St. Marc, and convey them to Kingston. Septimes Marais, judge of the supreme court, who is a refugee at the French legation here, says that the combined intervention of the United States and England is absolutely necessary to bring about a peace.

WAT ADAMS WINS A FIGHT.

Wat Adams has at last won a fight. At Victoria, B. C., on Friday evening he beat Alexander McNamee in the sixteenth round of a scheduled twenty-round contest for the heavy-weight championship of British Columbia. In the pride of his victory Wat has issued a challenge to any man in Canada weighing 175 lbs. Tommy Burns will do well to stay out of his native land until Wat Adams calms down.

Wanderers on Tour in U.S.A.

Pittsburg, March 21.—The "Glamorous" Wanderers showed their championship style of playing hockey on Saturday before 3,000 people by decisively beating the Bankers, local champions, 8 to 1. The score at half time was 1 to 0 in the visitors' favor, but in the second period they tore away. The whole Wanderers' team played a high class hockey. R. S. caught the crowd in this city, and he was repeatedly cheered when he made rushes through the field of skaters. Troop of Ottawa, played wing for Bankers; and his work was high class and they also of Ottawa, played cover point, but the Wanderers played him as though he was a post in the ice. They found the champions too fast. The Smith brothers played well for the Bankers. Bruce Stuart was in uniform but did not get in the game.

Justice Maybee on Railway Commission

Ottawa, March 21.—Justice Maybee, of the Ontario High Court, it is said will this week be appointed chairman of the railway commission. A few days ago it was announced that he had declined the position, because "the acceptance would mean the surrender of his right to a pension. On Friday, Justice Maybee came to the capital to attend the high court session and on Saturday he was again urged to accept the chairmanship, and finally consented to yield to persuasions of the government. The appointment is for a period of ten years at \$10,000 per annum. It is understood that the act in respect to pensions will be so amended that the judges who accept proffered places on the commission will not be deprived of any pension to which they are entitled owing to the services on the bench. The appointment of Justice Maybee to the chairmanship will be regarded as favorable in all quarters.

CRAZY.

Stratford, March 21.—Fred Bryant, aged 35, to-day confessed to turning on the gas jets in the Salvation Army barracks and attempting to destroy it by fire on Friday night. He made the confession while denouncing the army on the street for lanced wrongs.

FATAL STABBING.

Hamilton, March 21.—Antonio Reisto, an Italian who was stabbed by two fellow countrymen at Dundas ten days ago, died Saturday. The assassins were arrested to-day at Blue Lake, near Bradford, where they had been hiding.

Railway Construction Fatalities Last Year.

Ottawa, March 21.—According to officials of the department of labor there were 63 men killed and 28 injured as results of dynamite explosions on railway construction work in Canada last year. In 1906 63 men were killed and 28 injured. The great bulk of these accidents occurred in northern Ontario and mostly in the neighborhood of Kenora.

RIGHT RIDERS.

Carlisle, Ky., March 21.—A band of night riders early to-day shot and killed Parlan Ges, an independent tobacco farmer, seven miles to the northwest of Carlisle. This is the first murder by night riders in the blue grass section of Kentucky. The masked men rode rapidly away after killing Ges.

POPE'S HEALTH CAUSING CONCERN.

Rome, March 21.—It is feared here that the Pope is practically ruining his health by Lenten fasting and abstinence from meat. Attending physicians have repeatedly remonstrated but do not succeed. Several cardinals who recently notified the entangled condition of the pontiff, tried to persuade him to suspend the rules for himself, but the Pope would not listen to the suggestion. Physicians are keeping close watch over him.

POETIC JUSTICE.

Chicago, March 21.—Plunging into Strong Creek at Blue Island yesterday to escape several policemen after he had stabbed and fatally wounded a girl who had fitted him to wed another, Nicholas Fortine, 28 years old, was seized with cramps and drowned.

Opera House Tonight

The Dramatic and Musical event of the Season.

This evening the much-anticipated dramatic and musical treat occurs at the Strathcona Opera House, of the presentation of the great military drama "Under Two Flags" by the famous Arlington Comedians and their celebrated Polakater Sisters concert orchestra. Come early to hear the concert by the Ladies' Orchestra, which begins at 8 o'clock, the curtain rising on the play at 8:30. No waits between acts, but a number of high-class specialties will be given. This is a guaranteed attraction, and we expect to fill the house so full, that Messrs. Willis & Cosgrove will send more good things our way.

CHILI AND PERU MAY MIX.

Valparaiso, March 21.—A despatch received here from Africa says that a detachment of Peruvian troops invaded Tarata, a Chilean town in the province of Tasia, and near the Peruvian frontier, in pursuit of smugglers. The Chilean police disarmed the invaders but later fresh Peruvian troops arrived at Tarata and entered the houses, searching for goods.

Train Robbers Escape

Helena, Montana, March 21.—In a jail delivery this morning, the Great Northern train robbers, McDonald and Hanner, escaped. McDonald and Hanner held up and robbed the Great Northern overland train No. 1, near Randall, Mont., September 21, 1907. They secured \$40,000 in cash and attempted to blow open a safe in an express car, from which they got nothing.

HACKENSCHMIDT THREW THREE MEN.

Philadelphia, March 20.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, in successive bouts here last night, threw Emil Siegmüller, the German wrestler, Carl Darsch, of Camden N. J., and Henry Paulson, of Minneapolis. The Russian floored Siegmüller, in 3 minutes 24 seconds; Darsch in 3 minutes 24 seconds; Paulson in 3 minutes 35 seconds. Hackenschmidt used bar and neck to secure a fall in every case and showed wonderful speed.

Sending Out Seed Grain

Calgary, March 21.—The local grain inspector, Mr. G. Hill, states that he sent thirteen cars of seed grain north yesterday for distribution as ordered at the various points between Calgary and Edmonton. The seed grain was obtained from the country surrounding the north branch of the C. & E. The government has stopped purchasing seed grain, and will fill the need when the orders not yet filled are executed.

Mr. Hill has received a large number of applications for seed grain from farmers near Calgary, but is not authorized to supply it except to those on the order list given him by the government.

SASKATOON BRIDGE COMPLETED.

Saskatoon, March 21.—The nine-pier bridge of the G. T. P. over the Saskatchewan River, commenced over a year ago, was finished Saturday, except for riveting and the work of laying the steel eastward has commenced.

Strathcona Bankers Beat Edmonton Bankers

On Saturday afternoon at the covered rink the Strathcona Bankers and their instem from across the river crushed sticks again, and another fast game was seen. This time the Strathcona financiers finished stronger than in the previous game and came out winners by six goals to five. The line up was:

Strathcona	goal	Edmonton
Hinton	point	Anderson
McAlpin	cover	McLean
Saddaby	cover	Casselman
Paton	right	Mann
R. Lynn	left	Gifford
Parsons	centre	McLeod
Dolson		Norton

DON'T ANNOY THE PRESS.

Berlin, March 21.—Chancellor Von Bismarck, in view of his approaching speech in the Reichstag on the foreign affairs of the empire, is striving to find a way to effect a settlement of the difficulty between the newspaper reporters and parliament. Two days ago the leader of the center party, Herr Grosse, called the newspaper editors to an open meeting because they had jested at the remark of a member of the house. The reporters decided not to send out a word of the Reichstag debates until apology and fullest retraction had been offered. To-day they had assurances from practically every newspaper in Germany that no mention would be made of the Reichstag proceedings until satisfaction had been given them.

CHINA LIKE OTTAWA WON'T HAVE REFORMERS.

Pekin, March 21.—The authorities on March 17 inaugurated a series of wholesale arrests on reformers and suspects, and up to the present time no less than 600 men have been taken into custody. It is reported that four of the prisoners have official rank and that one is a member of the family of Wang Wen Shao, former grand councillor. Most of the prisoners are men educated abroad who had recently come in to Peking from the outlying provinces.

Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor, has established a personal police force under the direction of foreigners, whose duty is to safeguard all the officials who are apprehensive of attack.

Not Dead

Port au Prince, Hayti, March 21.—The United States gunboat Eagle has arrived with M. A. Gallette, whom the government and everybody else believed had been summarily executed by shooting March 15, alive. He showed his monstacy, disguised himself and made way to the German legation where he is now. Some other man was shot for Gallette. The latter informed the German minister he was a creditor of the government, that his bills long remained unpaid in spite of his application for the money and that this was the reason his name was included in the list of those selected for execution. M. Gallette added that his wife, who was arrested March 15, had been persecuted for the same cause.

Major Strickland's Funeral

The funeral took place at Fort Saskatchewan yesterday of Major D'Arcy Strickland, who commanded G. Division of the Royal North West Mounted Police. The usual military honors were accorded the dead officer. The T. N. R. which ran a special train brought a large number of persons to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased.

The funeral services were in charge of Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, pastor of the Anglican Church, and former pastor of St. Paul's Edmonton. A service was held at the house at two o'clock, after which the cortege proceeded to the cemetery. The firing party consisted of Corporal, twelve police, and bugler, and was in charge of Sergt-Major Emery. The caisson on a gun carriage was covered with the Union Jack, and was

followed by the Saddle horse of Major Strickland, led by two police, with helmet reversed on the saddle and riding boots reversed in the stirrups.

The pall bearers were Major Constantine, commanding the Lesser Slave Lake division of the Mounted Police, Col. Belcher, C. M. G., commanding the 19th the Alberta Mounted Rifles, and former major of the Mounted Police: Capt. Worley, commanding the Edmonton detachment of the Mounted Police, Frank Walker, M. P. P. J. W. Shera, ex-M. L. A., and Denham McLean.

Services were again held at the grave by Rev. Mr. Wilkinson and also a short Masonic service by Worthy Master F. E. Langworthy, of the Fort Saskatchewan Lodge. Major F. C. Jamieson and Lieutenant G. W. Marriot "B" Squadron Alberta Rifles were among those present

Two Games Tomorrow Night

To-morrow evening at 7:30 at the covered rink a hockey match will be played between teams chosen from T. P. Malone's staff and Douglas Bros. staff. The line-up will be as follows:

Malone's	Douglas Bros
Sullivan	R. B. Douglas
S. W. Walter	L. Cox
E. O'Donnell	D. McKenzie
L. Nettleton	C. McNulty
S. Sobey	E. Crowe
T. P. Malone	A. Appleton
McKenzie	H. McGraw

A game between two senior teams will follow, and a charge of 25c will be made for admission to the two matches.

WOULDN'T ENDORSE BRYAN

Providence, March 21.—In spite of the storm efforts of George Williams Boston, and Col. Alexander Troup, Connecticut, the Rhode Island Democratic convention failed to instruct its delegates to the national convention to vote for William J. Bryan. Williams and Col. Troup came to Providence especially to work for the endorsement, but failed. Former Mayor George Green, Woonsocket, national committeeman is one of the delegates.

An Echo of The Druce Case

At a meeting of the shareholders of the H. G. Druce Co., in London, Eng. it was agreed to wind up its affairs. All the funds have been spent and the company owes \$1,500.

The company was formed to finance G. H. Druce in his fight for the Portland estate, on the ground that Thomas C. Druce, the proprietor of the latter street bazaar, and the late Duke of Portland, who was noted for his eccentricity, were one and the same person and that the funeral of Druce was an imposture, the coffin containing some heavy substance instead of a body in order to permit of the Duke

disappearing in his assumed role of bazaar keeper without exciting inconvenient enquiries.

A large number of shares were sold at the par value of \$5. They were quoted at \$12.50 before George H. Druce. This action on the part of the claimant caused a boom and the shares soon rose to nearly \$25.

When the Druce vault in Highgate Cemetery was opened and the body of Thos. C. Druce, and not 200 pounds of lead, was found in the coffin the stock could not be sold for five cents.

Seed Grain

Killarney, Alta., March 20.—There seems something queer in the action of the government seed grain buyers says the Journal. They have totally ignored some of the farmers who exhibited grain at the Edmonton Seed Fair and although offered first class grain from this district that tested high at the seed fair, they refused to purchase. An instance of this may be cited. Mr. Girard, a resident of this settlement, who has a splendid farm at Brossard, offered to sell 600 bushels of White Eye wheat, grading at the seed fair No. 3 Northern, and testing 94 per cent. according to the experimental farm test, to the seed grain officials. This seed is free from weeds and was a bountiful 1907 crop and was grown on the Brossard homestead. He offered it at 95 cents delivered at the Vegreville station. The officials have ignored Mr. Girard's offer and bought it in the east. It seems a poor way to encourage successful farming at home. Mr. Girard also had No. 3 white oats at the fair and won a prize for these which tested 85 per cent. These are a fine sample and he offered these for seed at 60 cents, at Vegreville station or 50 cents at Brossard.

Mr. Girard has farmed successfully in these parts for several years and the past summer in spite of the backward season had a most satisfactory crop. He feels that the officials have not given him a square deal in ignoring C. N. R. which ran a special train this grain east to obtain a return from his summer's labor.

The funeral took place today of George Watson. The local Orangemen turned out to show their respect to the deceased who was a member of

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Then they both fell silent, Dallas looking down and toying with her muff, the mayor sitting quite still at his desk. She felt that he was looking at her. Suddenly she raised her head and impulsively offered him her hand.

He followed your campaign in the papers," she said, "every move in it, every speech. Then, when I read of the election and saw that your splendid fight had carried the whole ticket to victory, and saw what the papers predicted for you, I was proud—proud that a man had found himself and that perhaps I had helped him."

"You did it," said Alwyn. There was a pause, and then Alwyn was holding both her hands. The girl had dropped her eyes again.

"You told me to find my work," she said, "and I have found it. You told me to do it to the best of my ability; I have tried. You have made a man of me. No matter what I do in the future it will mean nothing unless you share it. I have grown since you went away, and as I have grown my love for you has grown. It is the one thing in my life."

Dallas did not speak, but looked at him. As his mother entered the room he read in her eyes much more than she had told him. "May I see you this evening?" he asked, as he helped her on with her coat. She nodded with one speaking.

The same afternoon Alwyn had another interview, and of a different sort. He had heard that the mayor had been in consultation with his political enemy, Phelan. He wanted to know about that. He had heard

also that it was rumored that the mayor was to veto his Borough Railroad Franchise bill. He wanted Bennett to understand that no man could be friendly with Horgan and Phelan at the same time. He wanted him to understand, moreover, that the Borough Franchise bill was a Horgan measure and must be passed.

Horgan was used to having his way. When crossed it was his custom to crush his opponent by sheer brute force of a ferocious and masterful personality. If that failed—well, there were other slower methods, and Horgan could use them all.

The leader of a political machine is in much the same position as the leader of a wolf-pack. He must fight for his position; he must tolerate no opposition, for such toleration means defeat.

At present there was only one man in the city who was not afraid of Horgan. That was Phelan, leader of the Eighth, who knew personally every voter in his district and had no fear in his heart.

Horgan was determined to crush him because he must be crushed, and Phelan had made several threats as to something he was going to let fall on Horgan some day that would crush him flat.

Horgan was laying his pipes for Phelan, but had never calculated on the young mayor as a factor in the political situation. At first he tried his usual methods—they failed. Alwyn could feel the growing strength within him. A year ago, that morning, perhaps he told himself, Horgan might have had his way with him, but not now. From bluster Horgan came down to specific threats.

"You sign that bill," he said, "or your political career ends right here."

I can pull you down just as easy as I put you up. You've got to do it. It's come to a show-down.

For the first time in the interview Alwyn raised his voice. There was a challenge that sounded in his ears like a trumpet-call. He was in the thick of the fight, and felt the joy of battle.

"A show-down," he said. "Here's where you get it. I'll show you that I have no man's dollar around my neck. You know that bill is not an honest bill, that it is a deliberate steal from the city amounting to millions of dollars. I can get two million dollars cash for the city for that same franchise. You know that, and I want you to know also that I am no grafter."

"Veto it, then!" said Horgan between his teeth. "I'll pass it over your head. You think I don't control a majority. I'll get one. Understand that. I understand that. You mean bribery, and let me tell you that I'll not only jail the aldermen who take the bribes but the 'gentlemen' who give them."

"Do you know who's back of the bill?" Wainwright, the uncle of the girl you're in love with.

"That's no news to me," said Alwyn. "Horgan won most of his fights through bluster, but he never went into one without weapons. He was always prepared, his guns were always loaded, and he always reserved the heaviest gun till the last."

"He had come to that heaviest one now, although Alwyn had been a stouter foe than he had expected."

He rose slowly to his feet, his undershot jaw a trifle more undershot than usual, his cigar cocked up at an acute angle, his head lowered and thrust forward, and a half-smile curling his lips.

"Here's some news then, young fellow," he said slowly. "Listen to this. Every dollar of her fortune, every dollar of her brother's fortune has been invested in Borough Franchise Railway stock. Understand?"

Alwyn understood. Horgan was speaking slowly and every word seemed to fall on him with a physical impact. He had not known this. Inwardly he was staggered, bewildered.

"That this franchise and you will ruin them both! See?" said Horgan.

For a moment the young man stood still, staring at Horgan, pale to the lips. For a moment he felt himself weakening, going; but it was only for a moment. Even as Horgan turned away with a smile of triumph he snatched the copy of the bill from the table, scribbled something on it and held it out to the boss. The bill was vetoed.

Given the right material in man, circumstances are sure to bring it out. Circumstances were bringing out the manhood and resources of Alwyn Bennett. In the weeks that immediately followed his open break with Horgan he showed himself a born leader and politician, ready, resourceful, cool-headed.

He had an able adviser in Phelan, Phelan who held the Eighth in the hollow of his hand, Phelan who knew every trick and turn in the game of politics, and who had promised Horgan he would drop something on him.

The first move that Alwyn made was for the benefit of Dallas. No one knew of it save himself and young Perry Wainwright and he had sworn the boy to secrecy getting his promise that he would tell not even Dallas herself.

Horgan had sought to crush him

with the information that all of Dallas' money was in Borough Franchise stock. Alwyn meant to defeat that bill and kill the company, but he did not intend that the girl he loved should be ruined and made a dependent on her uncle. He was learning the ways of finance as well as those of practical politics. Acting under Alwyn's instructions, Perry "sold short" a block of stock equal to the amount held in his and his sister's name in Borough Railway.

Alwyn lent him the money to do this, but saw to it that he bought no more than an amount equal to the holdings of himself and sister. He meant to protect Dallas, but he did not mean to use his office for purposes of stock-gambling.

The first immediate result of the fight was that he saw no more of Dallas. Wainwright was careful to represent to his niece that Alwyn was trying to ruin her. Moreover, he learned of the sale of stock through Perry, and immediately accused the mayor of trying to defeat the bill so that he could make money out of it through his short sale.

The girl was loath to believe anything against Alwyn. She had known him so long and had trusted him so well. She had hoped so much from him. Night after night she thought things over, seeking in her mind for some defense for the mayor. She could find none, however, Alwyn would say nothing in his own behalf, and Gibbs and Wainwright were specious talkers. Since his break with Wainwright and Horgan, Alwyn would no longer come to the house.

Dallas could understand how he felt about that; but there were other things that she could not understand. She tried hard to convince herself she

had since discovered Alwyn's true character she no longer cared for him, but it was hard.

She met him at last at the Administration Hall. She had intended to say nothing to him beyond the usual formalities, but when she saw him again she felt for the moment that the things they charged him with could not be true, that there must be some horrible mistake. Impulsively, she spoke to him of the matter that was nearest her heart.

"You know that Mr. Gibbs is interested in that Borough Railroad Franchise," she said. "I heard you say it yourself."

She had noticed with a quickening of all her pulses how Alwyn's face had lighted up in the old way when she approached him through the crowd. Now, with a sinking heart, she saw it set again into hard lines which she had never seen when they were boy and girl together, but which were fatal to it now.

"Please don't talk about those things," he said. "In a few days, in a week, perhaps, I can explain things."

"I must talk about them. You know it, don't you?"

"Yes."

"And do you know that Perry—say nothing of myself—is heavily involved, too? Do you know that if you succeed all the money we have will be lost?"

Alwyn winced as though in pain.

"Dallas!" was all he said.

"You know it?"

"Yes, I know it," said Bennett slowly.

"You know that it means ruin for us and yet you still oppose it?"

Alwyn looked up, meeting her eyes. "It is my duty to oppose it."

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As he spoke Wainwright joined them. He had evidently heard their conversation.

"Your day!" he said. "I selected her brother as a cat's paw to sell short for you. That was the sort of day. Now it is my money. You are fighting that bill to make money in the market. We can see why you fight the bill."

There was a dull red flush under Alway's dark skin. His eyes narrowed as he looked at Wainwright. Dallas caught him by the arm.

"This isn't true, Alway!" she cried. "It can't be true. Say it isn't true. Deny it, Alway! If it is true you can explain, can't you?"

For a moment the mayor's lip quivered and his face lost its immobility. Then he drew himself away from the girl. He had hoped blindly that she would trust him without an explanation. He was too proud to give one now.

The girl looked at him, trying in vain to read his countenance. While she was standing there, Gibbs joined the group. Alway's face set a little harder as he nodded to him.

"You see," said Wainwright. "What do you think of now?"

Dallas slowly drew herself away from the mayor, her face lost its eagerness. She spoke in a tired voice.

"I thought I knew him," she said. "I thought I understood him. Mr. Gibbs, you have waited for my answer long enough. Any time you desire it now it will be ready."

Alway turned upon her with a sudden movement. "You mean?" he said.

"You know what I mean," said Dallas. "Mr. Gibbs, will you give me your arm?"

Alway Bennett was not given to outward displays of emotion. When he turned to meet Dallas, who had every other politician in the city, or little, attended the Administration Hall, his voice was steady and his face composed.

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